



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

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## **DPS GANG TASK FORCE (GIITEM) DETECTIVES APPREHEND SUSPECT RESPONSIBLE FOR THREATS ON TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL**

*Tucson Magnet High school was locked down on 12/05/08 as a result of the threats*

On Dec. 05, 2008, GIITEM, the state gang task force, and Tucson Police responded at the request of Tucson Magnet High School, which was locked down due to specific threats made to one student and the school by a known gang member. The suspect sent a text message to one victim, stating he would be coming after school to shoot up the school with his SKS Rifle. GIITEM and Tucson Police assisted with after school patrols to ensure the safety of the students and to locate the suspect. Detectives located the suspect, who was also wanted on an outstanding warrant. At about 6:00 p.m. GIITEM detectives were able to take the suspect into custody without incident.

**Suspect: William Alan Ward, 17, Tucson**

**Charges: Interference with an educational institution  
Threats and intimidation  
Probation Violation Warrant**

**Suspect was booked into Pima County Juvenile Corrections**

\* At the same time, two GIITEM Officers were in the area when they encountered a vehicle occupied by three males who were driving by the school flashing gang signs. The vehicle came to a sudden stop in the traffic lane blocking school buses and other vehicles. Detectives ordered the suspects out of the vehicle. All three of males, who are 18 years old, exited the vehicle but refused to comply with the officer's orders and resisted arrest. The driver was wanted on an outstanding warrant. All three are known gang members.

**Suspects: Edgar Medina, 18, Tucson, Daniel Padilla, 18, Tucson, Michael Salazar, 18, Tucson.**

**Charges: Threats and Intimidation, Aggravated Assault and Resisting Arrest**

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